



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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For: Method and Apparatus for Maintenance  
and Expansion of Hemopoietic Stem Cells  
and/or Progenitor Cells

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Examiner: NAFF, DAVID M

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed April 9, 2004, following an Interview held with the Examiner on September 14, 2004, which response is being made on or before October 9, 2004 and for which three months extension fees are due and enclosed herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: